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No. 1810.

An Act to provide for the Collection of Statistics.

[9th December, 1902.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Statistics Collection Act* 1902.

Short title.

2. Except in regard to returns relating to the population and finances of a municipal district (including the city of Melbourne and the town of Geelong) and relating to the conduct of its own affairs by the municipality the Governor in Council may from time to time by Order published in the *Government Gazette* suspend in respect of such district for such time as he thinks fit the operation of Part XXVIII. of the *Local Government Act* 1890, and during such time as the said Part is so suspended the following provisions of this Act shall have full force and effect, and the said Part shall apply in such district only with regard to statistics which ought to have been obtained and furnished before such suspension.

Power to suspend Part XXVIII. of No. 1112 in any municipal district.

3. The Governor in Council may direct that the superintendent or officer in charge of every police district or of any specified police district or districts shall until otherwise directed on or before the first day of March in each year collect and furnish to the Government Statist of Victoria such statistics relating to such police district or any specified portion thereof and on such forms and in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct.

Officers of police to furnish statistics.

4. (1) Every

Information to be  
supplied to police.

4. (1) Every person when requested shall to the best of his knowledge and belief supply correct information to any member of the police force engaged in collecting such statistics, and shall forthwith fill up with the required information any schedule or form left with such person for the purpose of being filled up, and shall by post return such filled up schedule or form to such member of the police force.

(2) Any person who on being so requested refuses or fails to supply such information or who supplies information which is not correct or who refuses or fails to return a schedule or form as required by this section shall be guilty of an offence, and shall on conviction therefor be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

Effect of refusal  
to supply  
information.

5. On the refusal or failure of any person to supply the information required or if any information which is not correct be supplied by any person, the superintendent or officer in charge of the police district shall report particulars of such refusal or failure or of such supplying of information which is not correct to the Government Statist who may thereupon in writing authorize and direct such officer to institute proceedings for the recovery of the penalty hereinbefore provided.

Penalty for  
divulging  
information.  
No. 1127.

6. If except under the direction and by the authority of the Government Statist any member of the police force divulges or makes extracts from information received pursuant to this Act he shall be deemed guilty of misconduct against the discipline of the force and shall be dealt with under sections thirty-nine to forty-three of the *Police Regulation Act 1890*.

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